

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figure 2.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Fig 2 of the drawings are being amended to indicate "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner.

The objection to the disclosure has also been corrected.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Arai et al. (US 6486920). Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai et al. in view of Hendricks et al. (US 5600573). Claim 17 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants admitted prior art in view of Arai et al.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19-42. Claims 4, 10-12, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The appropriate changes have been made so that the remaining claims should now be allowed.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21900-00042-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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